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**I NUMERI DEL CANCRO IN EMILIA ROMAGNA:  
AMBIENTE, STILI DI VITA, SCREENING  
FOCUS SU TUMORI DEL POLMONE E COLON-RETTO**

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# **Tumori del colon retto Nuovi standard 2018?**

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# Conflitto d'interessi

Ai sensi dell'art. 3.3 del Regolamento applicativo dell'Accordo Stato-Regioni 05.11.2009, dichiaro che negli ultimi due anni ho avuto i seguenti rapporti anche di finanziamento con i seguenti soggetti portatori di interessi commerciali in campo sanitario:

## ➤ **Partecipazione ad Advisory Board:**

- Roche
- Lilly
- Servier

## ➤ **Spese per invito a convegni**

- Roche
- Servier
- Celgene
- Ipsen
- Sanofi

# What have we learnt so far?

## Right-sided

## Left-sided

### Clinical differences<sup>1</sup>

More common in women

More common in men

MUTYH-associated polyposis

Familial adenomatous polyposis

### Molecular differences<sup>1,2</sup>

PIK3CA mutation

BRAF mutation

dMMR/MSI-H

CIMP-high

Low AREG-EREG expressions

CMS1 (immune)

HER2 overexpression

KRAS mutation

High AREG-EREG expression

TP53 mutation

APC

CMS2 (canonical)

### Prognostic impact<sup>1</sup>

Poorer prognosis

Better prognosis



1. Lee GH, et al. Eur J Surg Oncol 2015;41:300-308;  
2. Stintzing S, et al. E J Cancer 2017;84:69-80; 3. Tejpar S, et al. JAMA Oncol 2017;3(2):194-201; 4. Venook AP, et al. ASCO 2016 (Abstract No. 3504).

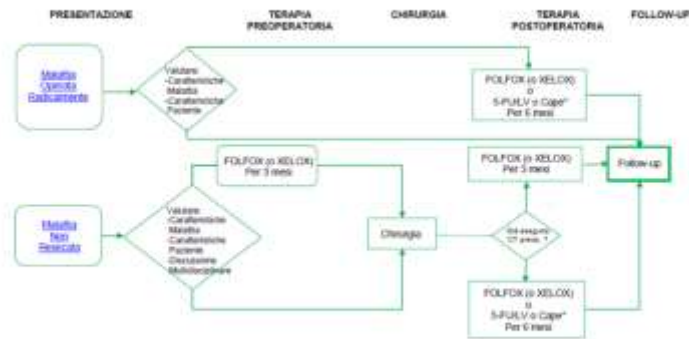
# Cosa non è cambiato dal 2017

## Diagnosi e stadiazione

Figura 1: Diagnosi e Stadiazione



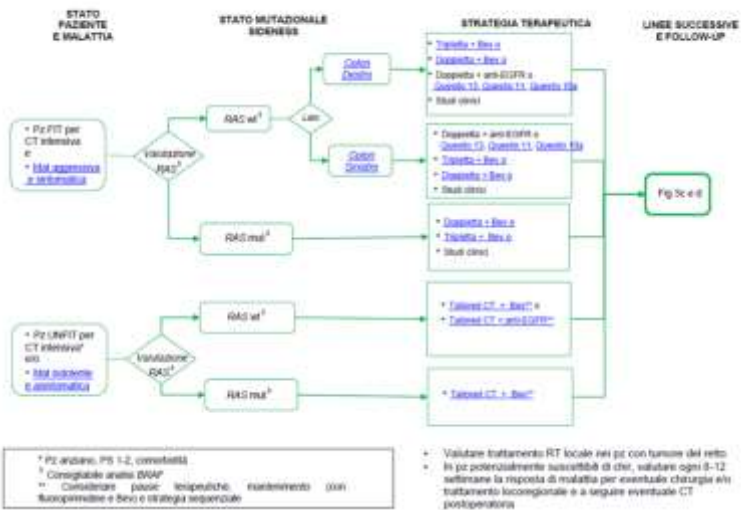
## Malattia metastatica resecabile



\* Pz uniti per terapia di combinazione

Valutare trattamento RT locale +/- CT nei pz con tumore del retto

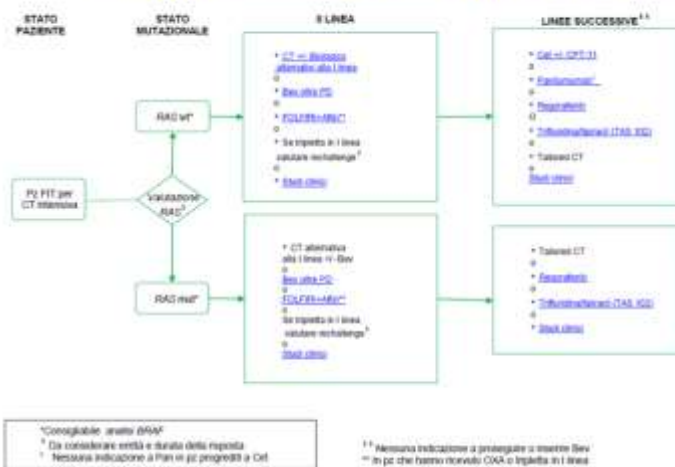
## Malattia metastatica



\* Pz anziani, PS 1-2, comorbidi  
 † Consigliabile analisi BRAF  
 \*\* Considerare opzioni immunologiche (anti-angiogenici e Bev) o strategia sequenziale

• Valutare trattamento RT locale nei pz con tumore del retto  
 In pz potenzialmente suscettibili di chi, valutare ogni 8-12 settimane la risposta di malattia per eventuale chirurgia e/o trattamento loco-regionale e a seguire eventuale CT postoperatoria

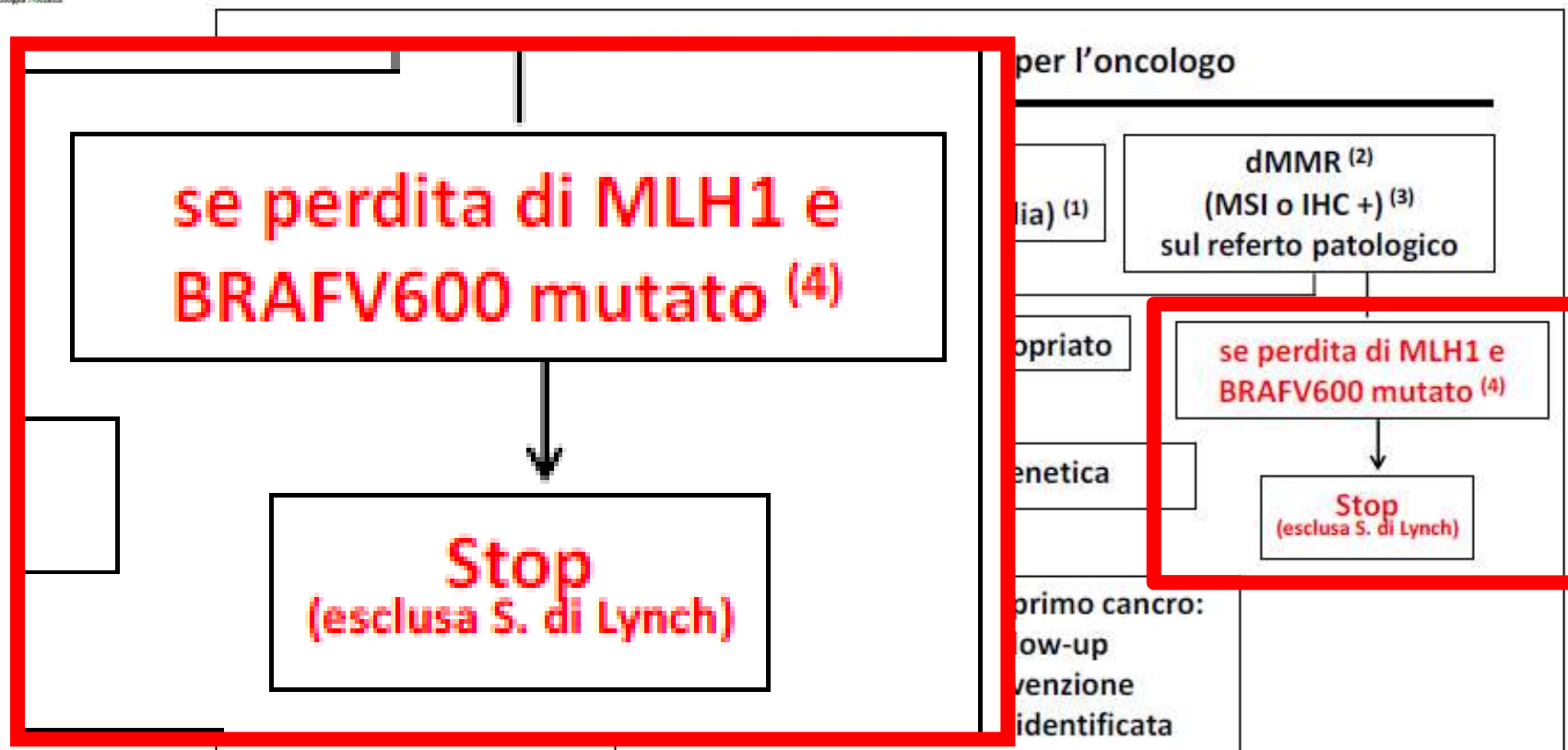
## Malattia metastatica linee successive



\* Consigliabile analisi BRAF  
 † Da considerare entità e durata della risposta  
 ‡ Nessuna indicazione a Paz in pz progressi a CT

†† Nessuna indicazione a proseguire a inserire Bev  
 \*\* In pz che hanno ricevuto OXA o Irinotecina in 1 linea

# Sindromi genetiche



(1) Vedi Tabella 2. Criteri specifici concordati in accordo a risorse/LG regionali.

(2) dMMR = deficit del 'mismatch repair' (su tessuto tumorale);

(3) MSI = instabilità dei microsatelliti; IHC += immunohistochimica con mancata espressione delle

(4) In caso di mancata espressione di MLH1 la presenza di una mutazione in BRAF V600 esclude la diagnosi di S. di Lynch

Algoritmo operativo minimo per l'oncologo



## Il Mantenimento

**LG AIOM 2015 - 2016-2017**

**QUESITO 3:** Nei pazienti con tumore del colon-retto metastatico dopo un ciclo di chemioterapia e bevacizumab è indicato proseguire con una terapia di mantenimento e chemioterapia?

### RACCOMANDAZIONE:

Nei pazienti con tumore del colon-retto metastatico dopo un ciclo di chemioterapia e bevacizumab può essere considerato proseguire con una terapia di mantenimento e fluoropirimidina, da valutare caso per caso, sulla base del beneficio atteso, del rischio e della motivazione del paziente.

**Bevacizumab +/- fluoropirimidine**

Forza della raccomandazione: POSITIVA DEBOLE

**Motivazioni/Commenti al bilancio Beneficio/Danno:** sulla base dei dati disponibili (nessun vantaggio in OS, costi, safety, disegno degli studi) il panel non ha potuto definire una posizione certa, che fosse a favore o contraria, in merito al bilancio beneficio/danno.

Votazione forza raccomandazione				Votazione bilancio Beneficio/Danno		
Positiva forte	Positiva debole	Negativa debole	Negativa forte	Favorevole	Incerto	Sfavorevole
0	5	3	0	1	6	1

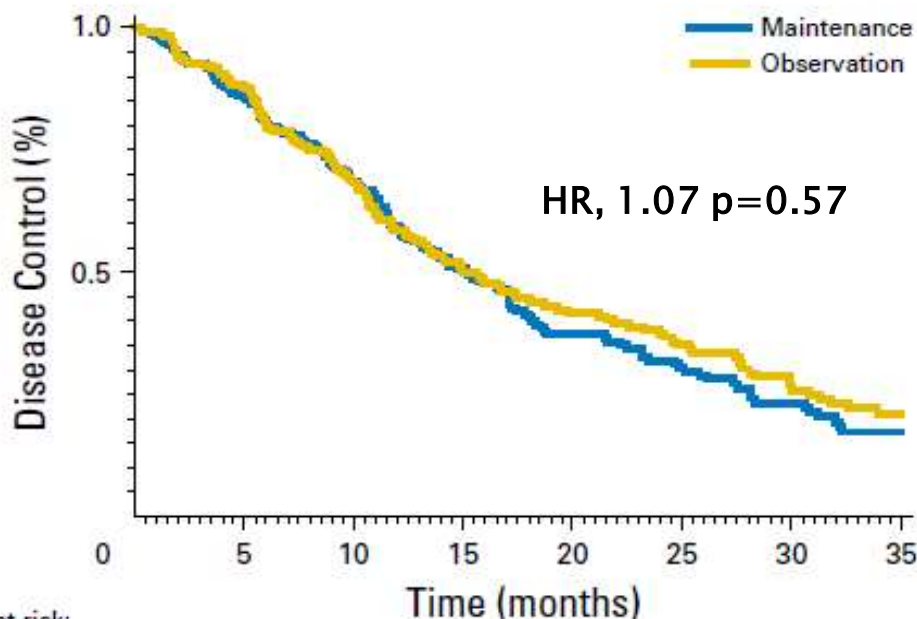
Qualità globale delle evidenze: MODERATA



## Bevacizumab Maintenance Versus No Maintenance During Chemotherapy-Free Intervals in Metastatic Colorectal Cancer: A Randomized Phase III Trial (PRODIGE 9)

Thomas Aparicio, Francois Ghiringhelli, Valérie Boige, Karine Le Malicot, Julien Taieb, Olivier Bouché, Jean-Marc Phelip, Eric François, Christian Borel, Roger Faroux, Laetitia Dahan, Stéphane Jacquot, Dominique Genet, Faiza Khemissa, Etienne Suc, Françoise Desseigne, Patrick Texereau, Come Lepage, Jaafar Bennouna, and PRODIGE 9 Investigators

**A**



No. at risk:	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35
Maintenance	245	200	135	87	53	39	24	15
Observation	243	208	137	85	63	46	29	18



## Il Mantenimento

**LG AIOM 2018**

Qualità dell'evidenza GRADE	Raccomandazione	Forza della raccomandazione clinica
Moderata	<p>Nei trattamenti di mantenimento, <b>Bevacizumab + fluoropirimidine può essere considerato</b> un'opzione di mantenimento. Si consiglia di valutare caso per caso, sia sulla base del beneficio atteso, dei rischi e della motivazione del paziente (9, 10).</p>	Positiva debole

Qualità dell'evidenza GRADE	Raccomandazione	Forza della raccomandazione clinica
Bassa	<p>Nei pazienti con tumore del colon-retto metastatico dopo un trattamento con bevacizumab, <b>Solo bevacizumab non dovrebbe essere considerato</b> una terapia di mantenimento. Si consiglia di valutare caso per caso, sia sulla base del beneficio atteso, dei rischi e della motivazione del paziente (8).</p>	Negativa debole



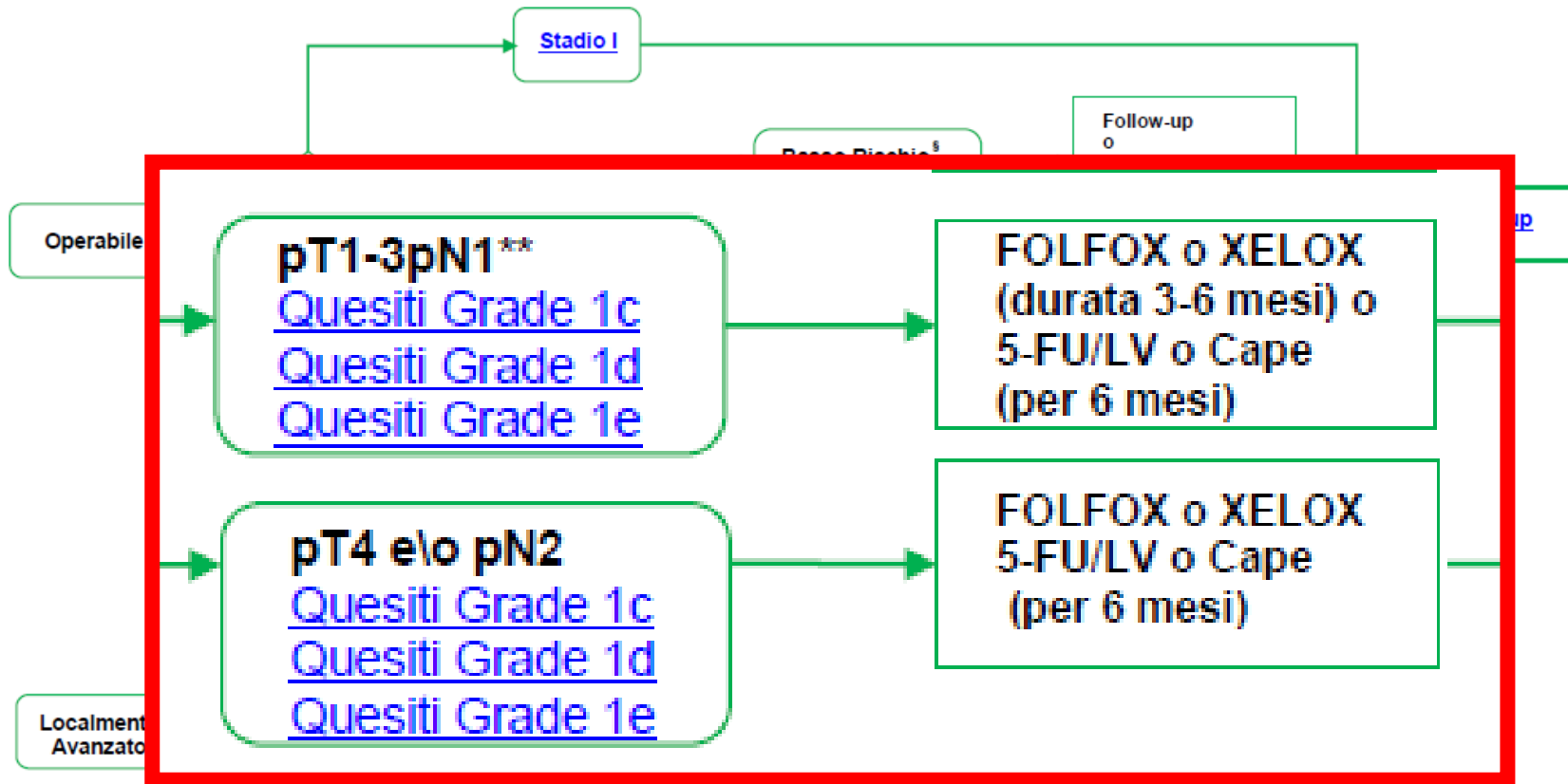
# Colon: Malattia non metastatica

PRESENTAZIONE

CHIRURGIA  
STADIAZIONE

CHEMIOTERAPIA

FOLLOW-UP



\*Sconsigliato bevacizumab se protesi

\*\*Senza altri fattori di rischio.

<sup>§</sup> Basso rischio: consigliabile valutazione instabilità dei microsatelliti

<sup>§ §</sup> Alto rischio: ≥1 fattore di rischio (T4, G3-G4, <12 lfn asportati, esordio con occlusione/perforazione, invasione vascolare, linfatica o perineurale)  
Adottare particolare cautela nei pazienti over 70-75aa, dove l'aggiunta dell'oxaliplatino mostra un benefico ridotto.



# Adiuvante 3 vs 6

**LG AIOM 2017**

al momento

Nel complesso, **lo standard 6 mesi** non è **ragionevole** la pratica clinica. **3 mesi** (tre mesi) prendere in considerazione una durata del trattamento.

**nel caso di insorgenza di tossicità** (neurotossicità) durante

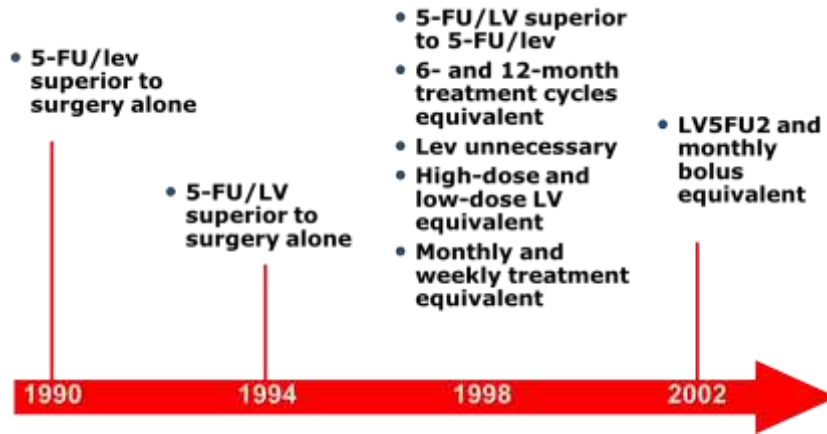
la terapia, in pazienti radicalmente operati per adenocarcinoma del colon **pT3, pN1 senza ulteriori fattori di rischio**

fluoropirimidina è somministrata per via orale.

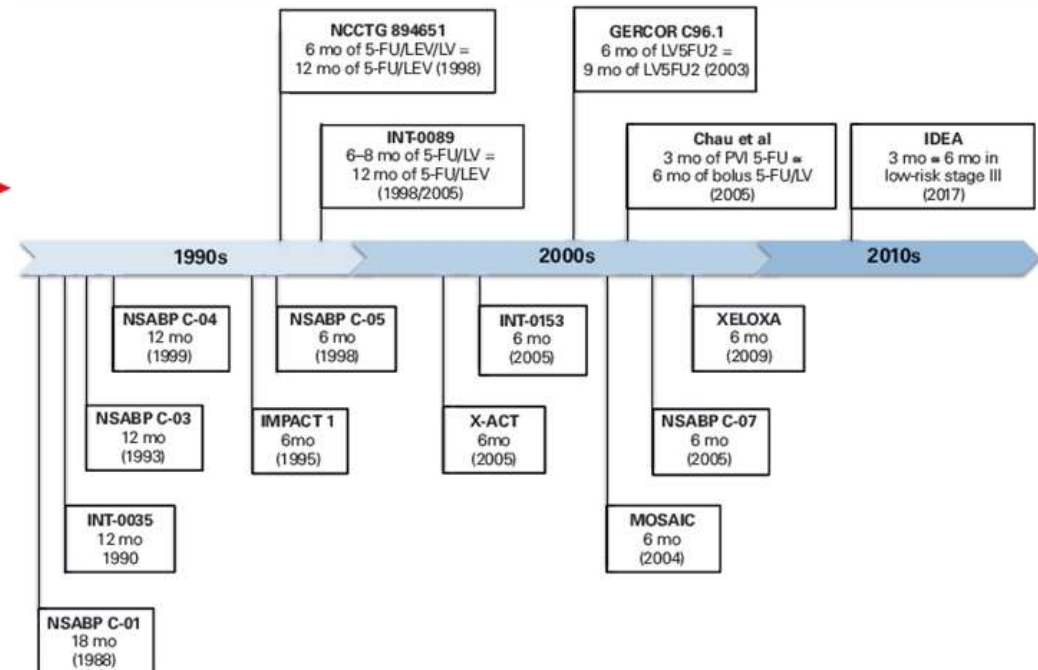
**fluoropirimidina orale**

**NO Pubblicazione  
NO Raccomandazione**

# (Pre)history of adjuvant therapy



## Evolution of duration



**Figure. The Evolution of the Duration of Adjuvant Chemotherapy.**

5-FU = fluorouracil; IDEA = International Duration Evaluation of Adjuvant; LEV = levamisole; LV = leucovorin; LV5FU2 = infusional 5-FU/LV; NCCTG = North Central Cancer Treatment Group; NSABP = National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project; PVI = protracted venous infusion; X-ACT = Xeloda in Adjuvant Colon Cancer Therapy.

## Fluoropyrimidines and oxaliplatin

(X-ACT, MOSAIC, NSABP C07, XELOXA)

Benefit in stage III patients:

- Fluoropyrimidines risk of death reduction: 10-15%
- OXA addition to risk of death reduction: 4-6%
- Both FOLFOX and XELOX (CAPOX) acceptable
- Neurological toxicity is an issue



➤ **Three**

➤ **Or**

➤ **Six**

➤ **Colon**

➤ **Adjuvant trial**

## Background and Rationale

- The shorter the better , provided no loss of efficacy
- At the time TOSCA was launched , 6 months of oxaliplatin-based therapy was recommended for both stages II and III.
- The study was initially conceived for low risk patients, but then designed for high risk stage II and all stage III.

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➤ **Stadi II ad alto rischio**

➤ **Stadi III**

➤ **Seconda randomizzazione nei III ad alto rischio +/- Bevacizumab**

# Shortening adjuvant treatment in Colorectal Cancer

## **I**nternational **D**uration **E**valuation of **A**djuvant chemotherapy

- **Francesi ed inglesi sviluppano (IDEA loro o me-too?) la stessa ipotesi**
- ➔ **nasce il proposito di una pooled analysis pre-pianificata di più studi con lo stesso quesito**
  - ➔ **Vantaggio: ottenere un campione di maggiori dimensioni con una maggiore potenza statistica**



**IDEA**



# Shortening adjuvant treatment in Colorectal Cancer

- **Fluoropirimidina + oxaliplatino per 6 mesi è lo standard di trattamento della terapia adiuvante nel III stadio dal 2004**
- **Fattore limitante di tale associazione è la neurotossicità**
- **Può un trattamento di minore durata essere altrettanto efficace riducendo la tossicità?**

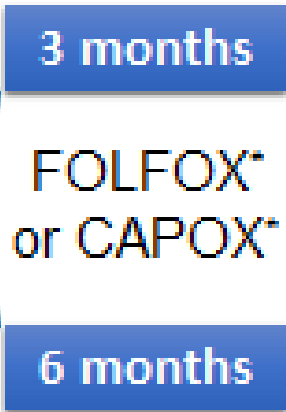


➤ **12.834 pazienti randomizzati**



## Study Overview

Stage III  
Colon  
Cancer  
Patients



12,834 patients

\*Investigator's choice, no randomization

**Primary endpoint: DFS**

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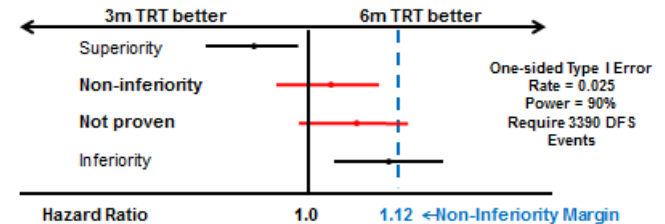


- **Objective:**  
Reduce side-effects of therapy without giving up (too much) anti-cancer efficacy of therapy
- **Non-inferiority design:**  
As agreed upon by patient advocates and oncologists, shorter duration of therapy should not sacrifice more than 12% of benefit of adjuvant therapy  
In statistical terms: upper 95% confidence interval of Hazard Ratio (HR) of disease free survival (DFS) should not exceed **1.12**



### Non-inferiority Hypothesis Testing

#### Statistical Conclusions Under Different Scenarios



TRT: treatment

Piaggio et al. JAMA 2012;308(24):2594-2604

# Adverse Events



# IDEA



Adverse Events	FOLFOX			CAPOX		
	3m Arm	6m Arm	p-value <sup>1</sup>	3m Arm	6m Arm	p-value <sup>1</sup>
<b>Overall</b>						
G2	<b>70%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<.0001	<b>65%</b>	<b>85%</b>	.0001
G3-4	38%	51%		24%	31%	
<b>Neurotoxicity</b>						
G2	<b>17%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<.0001	<b>15%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<.0001
G3-4	3%	10%		3%	5%	
<b>Diarrhea</b>						
G2	11%	13%	<.0001	10%	13%	0.0117
G3-4	5%	7%		7%	9%	

<sup>1</sup>Chi-squared test for trend; Total of 19 grade 5 events; Adverse events only collected on first 617 patients enrolled to SCOT trial

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# Treatment Compliance



Treatment Compliance	FOLFOX		CAPOX	
	3m Arm	6m Arm	3m Arm	6m Arm
Total no. weeks received treatment				
Median (Q1-Q3)	12 (12-12)	24 (20-24)	12 (12-12)	24 (18-24)
Reached the planned last cycle <sup>1</sup>	90%	<b>71%</b>	86%	<b>65%</b>
% of dose actually delivered, Mean (Standard Deviation)				
5FU <sup>2</sup>	92.4 (22.7)	81.6 (26.6)	---	---
Capecitabine	---	---	91.2 (23.5)	78.0 (29.4)
Oxaliplatin	91.4 (19.9)	72.8 (25.6)	89.8 (21.7)	69.3 (28.3)

<sup>1</sup> 1% of patients assigned to 3m treatment (both FOLFOX and CAPOX) received > 3m of treatment; <sup>2</sup> combining infusion and bolus

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# Primary DFS Analysis (mITT)



	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
N Patients	6424	5446	4464	3000	1609	828	321
At risk	6410	5330	4477	3085	1678	873	334

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## Primary DFS Analysis (mITT), cont.

### Statistical Conclusions



TRT: treatment

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# Quale impatto per le linee guida ?

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➤ **Studio negativo → Nessuno**



➤ **Differenza DFS a 3 aa clinicamente irrilevante (0,9%)**  
→ **Practice changing**



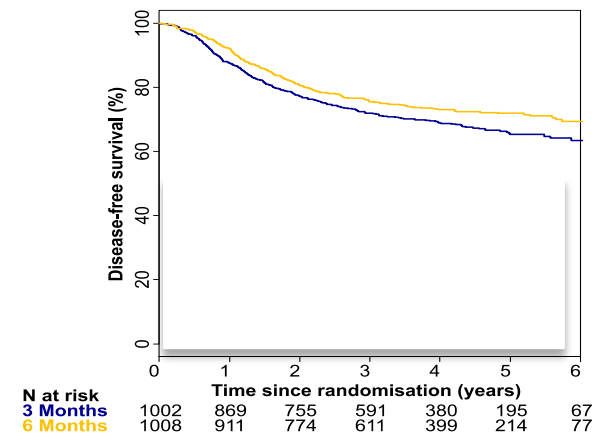
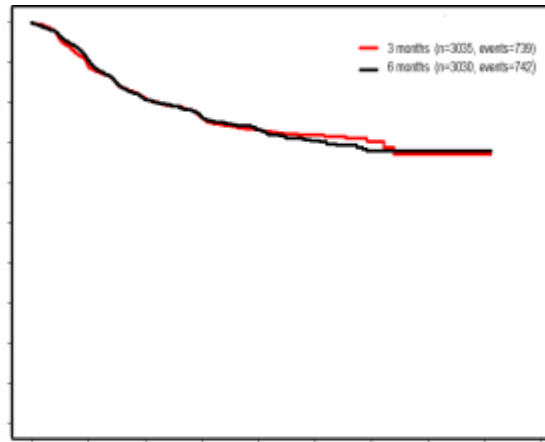
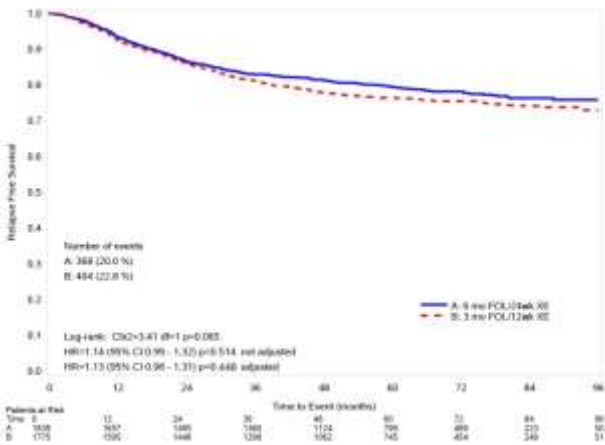
➤ **Troppo presto**



# Qualità delle evidenze

- **Study design - errori nella pianificazione e conduzione dello studio**
- **Precision - precisione delle stime**
- **Indirectness - diretta applicabilità delle evidenze (P.I.C.O.)**
- **Consistency - coerenza dei risultati tra studi differenti**
- **Publication bias - pubblicazione selettiva dei dati**

# Results: RFS/DFS Overall Population



Presented by: Jeffrey Meyerhardt, MD, MPH

Duration	TOSCA (3 yr RFS)	SCOT (3 yr DFS) (Colon and Rectum)	IDEA-France (3 yr DFS)
3m	81.1%	77.1%	76.1%
6m	79.2%	77.1%	74.1%
HR (6 is referent)	1.31 <b>Non inferiority Not Proven (upper margin &gt;1.2)</b>	1.07-1.113 <b>Non inferiority Proven (upper margin &lt;1.13)</b>	1.4 (1.05-1.46) <b>Inferiority Demonstrated</b>
3 yr DFS Δ	-1.9%	-0.4%	4%

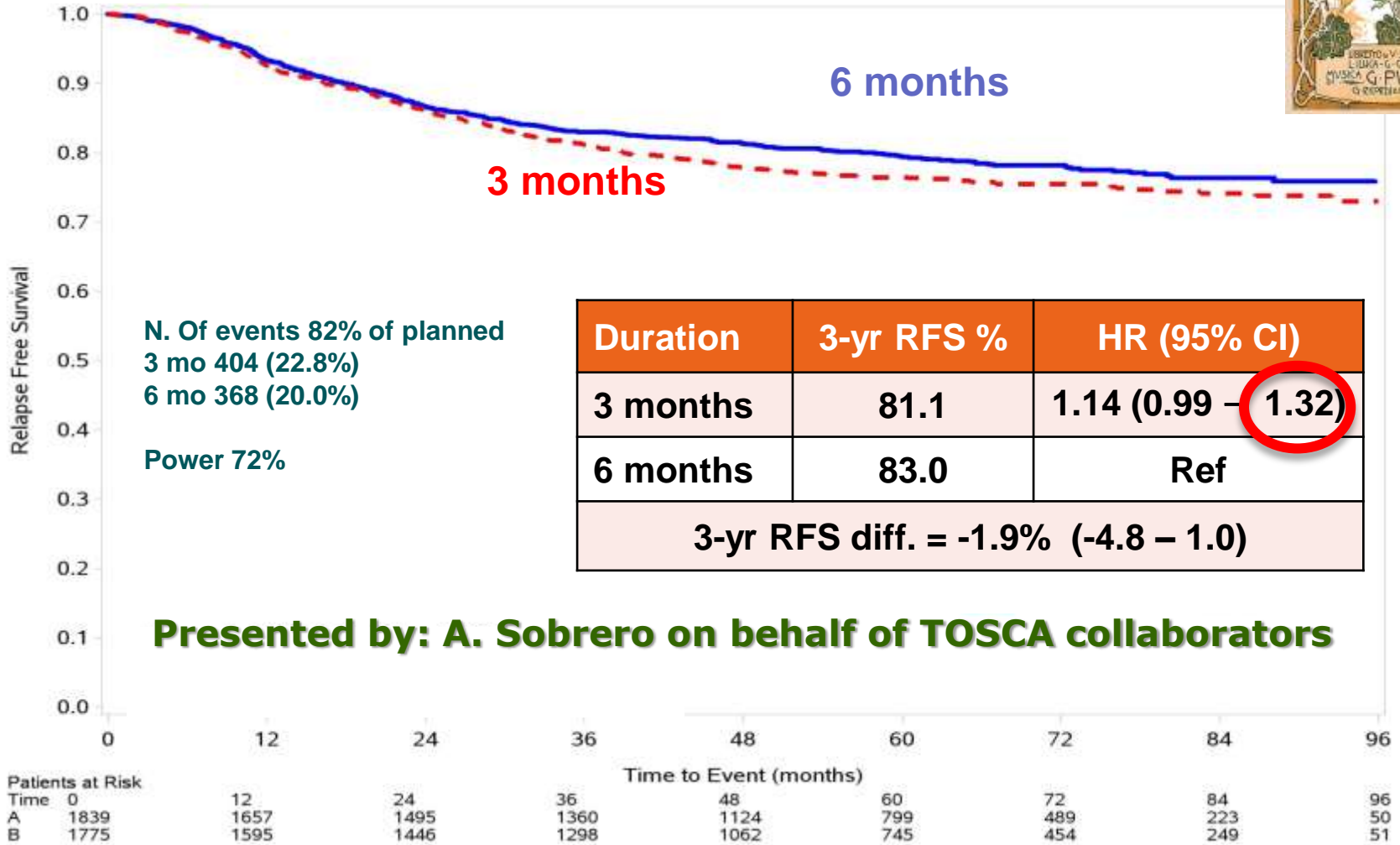


Trial	pazienti	schema	%	caratteristiche
SCOT				retto
<b>L'unico studio non inferiore pesa per un terzo</b>				
TOSCA	2402	XELOX o FOLFOX4	19	III, colon
IDEA France				
<b>L'unico studio che evidenzia inferiorità pesa solo un sesto</b>				
ACHIEVE	1291	CAPOX o mFOLFOX6	10	III, asiatici
C80702	2440	mFOLFOX6	19	III, 222
<b>Nessuna informazione su un quarto dei pazienti</b>				
HORG	708	CAPOX o FOLFOX4	9	III, ...

# Indirectness – diretta applicabilità delle evidenze (P.I.C.O.)

- **popolazione, intervento, controllo o outcome indiretti: il quesito per il quale si intende porre la raccomandazione si riferisce a una popolazione, intervento, controllo o outcome diversi da quelli per i quali sono disponibili prove di efficacia in letteratura**
- **I «nostri pazienti» sono quelli rappresentati dallo studio TOSCA i cui dati non sono così convincenti**

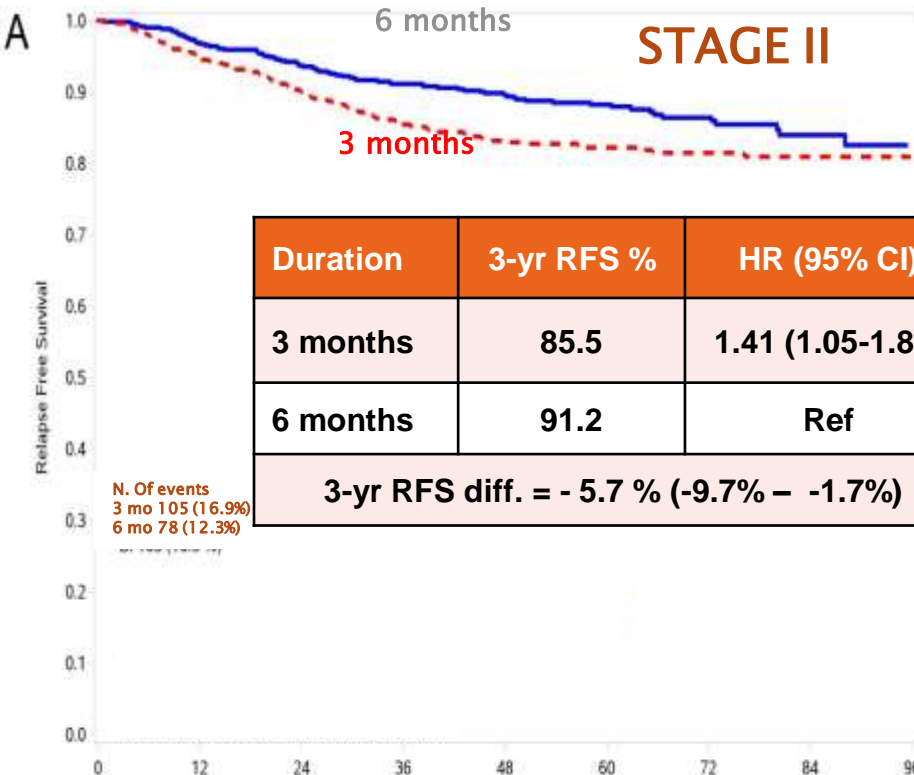
# Results: RFS by arm Overall Population



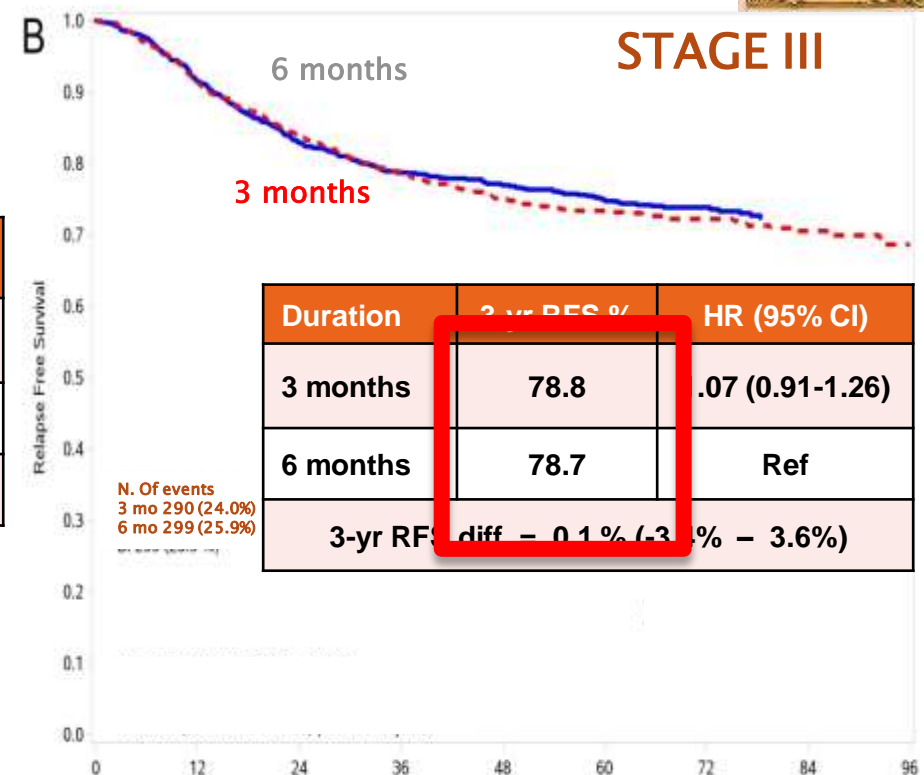
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# Results: RFS by stage



Patients at Risk	Time to Event (months)								
	0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96
A	633	591	555	515	425	298	185	92	20
B	621	568	528	482	397	277	167	94	25



Patients at Risk	Time to Event (months)								
	0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96
A	1205	1065	940	845	699	501	303	131	30
B	1154	1027	918	816	665	468	287	155	26

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# Quale impatto per le linee guida

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- **Significato delle analisi di sottogruppo non pre-pianificate**
  - ❑ **Generatrici di ipotesi**

# DFS Comparison by Risk Groups

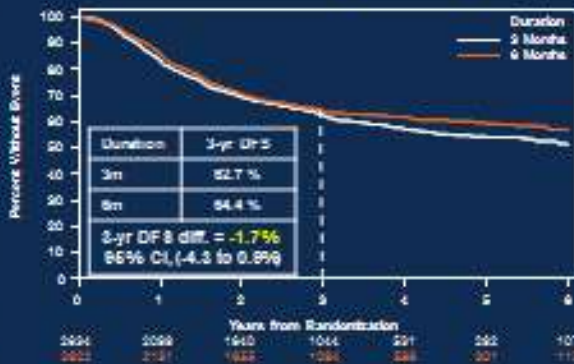
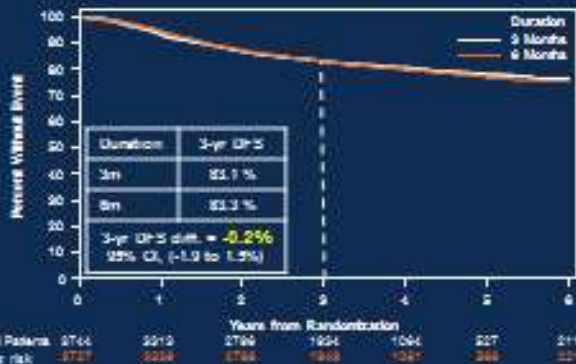


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T1-3 N1 (58.7%)

T4 or N2 (41.3%)



Interaction p-value = 0.11

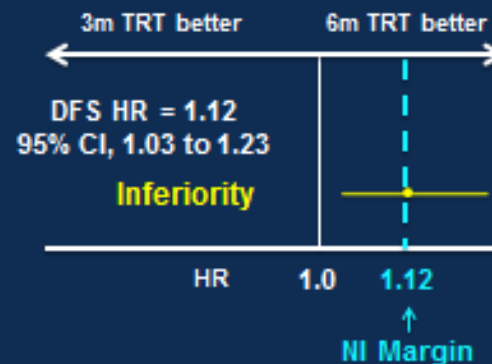
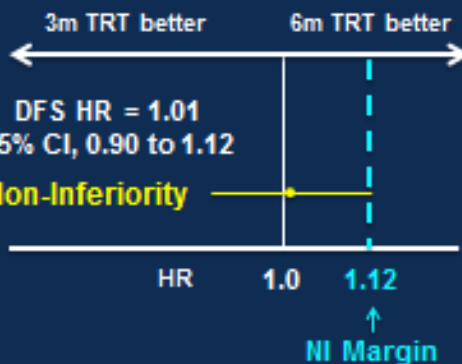
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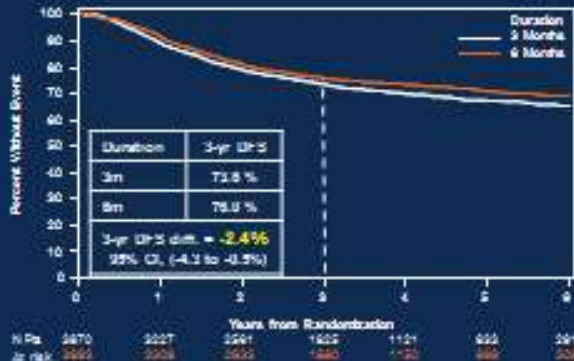
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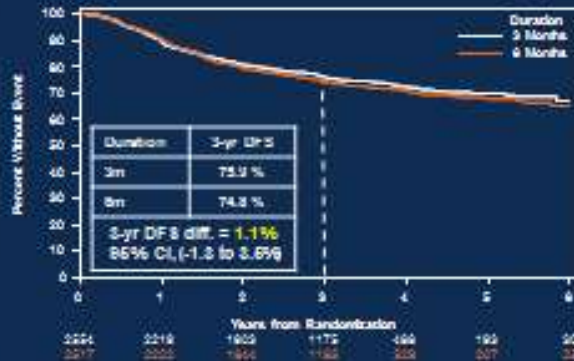
# DFS Comparison by Regimen



## FOLFOX



## CAPOX



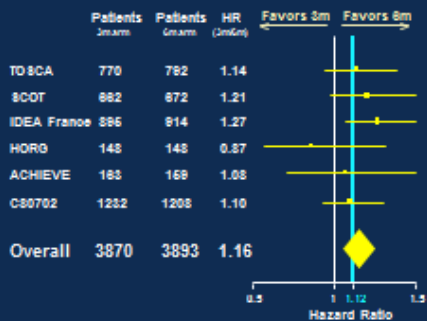
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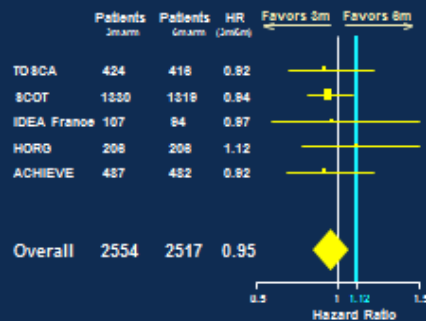
## DFS Comparison by Regimen, cont.



### FOLFOX



### CAPOX

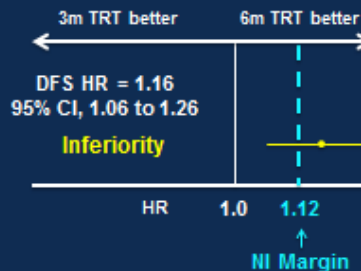


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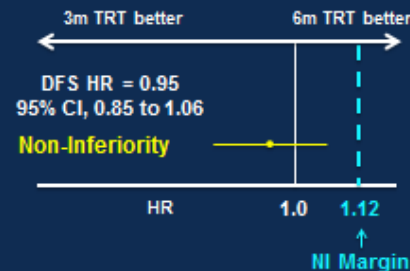
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### FOLFOX



### CAPOX



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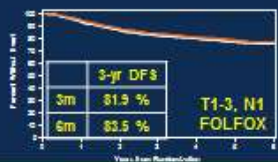
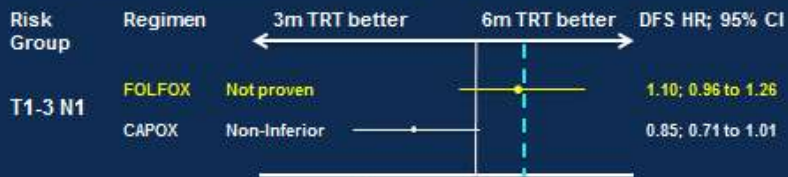
3 yr DFS rate (%) and HR by regimen and risk group		Regimen						CAPOX/FOLFOX combined		
		CAPOX			FOLFOX					
		3 yr DFS, % (95% CI)		HR (95% CI)	3 yr DFS, % (95% CI)		HR (95% CI)	3 yr DFS, % (95% CI)		HR (95% CI)
		3 m	6 m		3 m	6 m		3 m	6 m	
Risk group	Low-risk (T1-3 N1) ~60%	<b>85.0</b> (83.1-86.9)	<b>83.1</b> (81.1-85.2)	<b>0.85</b> (0.71-1.01)	<b>81.9</b> (80.2-83.6)	<b>83.5</b> (81.9-85.1)	<b>1.10</b> (0.96-1.26)	<b>83.1</b> (81.8-84.4)	<b>83.3</b> (82.1-84.6)	<b>1.01</b> (0.90-1.12)
	High-risk (T4 and / or N2) ~40%	<b>64.1</b> (61.3-67.1)	<b>64.0</b> (61.2-67.0)	<b>1.02</b> (0.89-1.17)	<b>61.5</b> (58.9-64.1)	<b>64.7</b> (62.2-67.3)	<b>1.20</b> (1.07-1.35)	<b>62.7</b> (60.8-64.4)	<b>64.4</b> (62.6-66.4)	<b>1.12</b> (1.03-1.23)
	Risk groups combined	<b>75.9</b> (74.2-77.6)	<b>74.8</b> (73.1-76.6)	<b>0.95</b> (0.85-1.06)	<b>73.6</b> (72.2-75.1)	<b>76.0</b> (74.6-77.5)	<b>1.16</b> (1.06-1.26)	<b>P-value interaction test:</b> <b>Regimen: 0.0061</b> <b>Risk group: 0.11</b>		

Non-inferior

Not proven

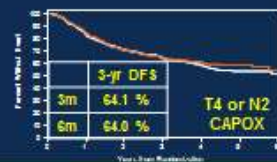
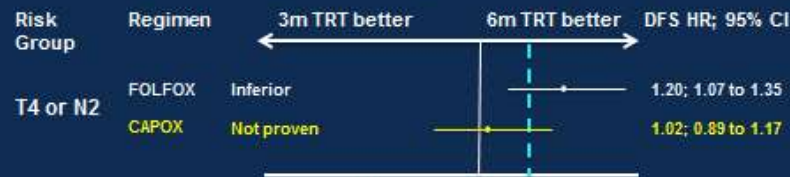
Inferior

## DFS Comparison by Risk Group and Regimen



TRT: treatment

## DFS Comparison by Risk Group and Regimen, cont.



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## IDEA Clinical Consensus: Risk-based approach to adjuvant chemotherapy in stage III colon cancer

Risk group

Recommended duration of adjuvant therapy

**T1-3 N1**

(~60% of stage III)

3 months

6 months

**T4 and/or N2**

(Or other high-risk factors)

Duration of therapy determined by

- tolerability of therapy
- patient preference
- assessment of risk of recurrence
- Regimen (CAPOX vs FOLFOX)

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# GOOD IDEA

# OR



# Raccomandazione 2017

- **Con i dati disponibili lo standard dovrebbe rimanere 6 mesi (FOLFOX o CAPOX)**
- **Nei pazienti a basso rischio può essere considerato, in caso di tossicità, sospendere dopo 3 mesi**
- **In alternativa perchè escludere, nei bassi rischi, la sola fluoropirimidina per 6 mesi?**



Duration of Adjuvant Chemotherapy for Stage III Colon Cancer

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FOLFOX or CAPOX in Stage II to III Colon Cancer: Efficacy Results of the Italian Three or Six-Cycle Adjuvant Trial

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**In conclusion, TOSCA was not able to demonstrate that 3 months of oxaliplatin-based adjuvant treatment is as efficacious as 6 months (technically 3 months were not noninferior to six months). The results depended on the adjuvant regimen and risk. For patients treated with CAPOX, 3 months were as good as 6 months; for FOLFOX, 6 months added extra benefit. Counterintuitively, the low-risk patients benefitted more than the high-risk population from the 6-month duration. The choice of regimen and duration should depend on patient characteristics and be balanced against the extra toxicity of longer therapy, particularly, persistent chronic neurotoxicity. Because the results of TOSCA on subgroups are counterintuitive, they should be interpreted with caution within the context of the combined analyses of IDEA.**

Three Versus 6 Months of Oxaliplatin-Based Adjuvant Chemotherapy for Patients With Stage III Colon Cancer: Disease-Free Survival Results From a Randomized, Open-Label, International Derivation Evaluation of Adjuvant (IDEA) France, Phase III Trial

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**IDEA France ...the superior DFS of 6-month adjuvant treatment compared with 3 months, especially in patients with T4 and/or N2 colon cancer. This finding is in agreement with DFS HR data from the overall analysis of patients who received FOLFOX in the international IDEA collaboration. These results should be integrated, discussed, and considered alongside the international IDEA collaboration data.**



### 3 versus 6 months of adjuvant oxaliplatin-fluoropyrimidine combination therapy for colorectal cancer (SCOT): an international, randomised, phase 3, non-inferiority trial

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**Summary**

Background 6 months of oxaliplatin-containing chemotherapy is usually given as adjuvant treatment for stage 3 colorectal cancer. We investigated whether 3 months of oxaliplatin-containing chemotherapy would be non-inferior to the usual 6 months of treatment.

**Methods** The SCOT study was an international, randomised, phase 3, non-inferiority trial done at 244 centres. Patients aged 18 years or older with high-risk stage II and stage III colorectal cancer underwent central randomisation with minimisation for centre, choice of regimen, sex, disease site, N stage, T stage, and the starting dose of capecitabine. Patients were assigned (1:1) to receive 3 months or 6 months of adjuvant oxaliplatin-containing chemotherapy. The chemotherapy regimens could consist of CAPOX (capecitabine and oxaliplatin) or FOLFOX (folfox and infused fluorouracil with oxaliplatin). The regimen was selected before randomisation in accordance with choices of the patient and treating physician. The primary study endpoint was disease-free survival and the non-inferiority margin was a hazard ratio of 1.13. The primary analysis was done in the intention-to-treat population and safety was assessed in patients who started study treatment. This trial is registered with ISRCTN, number ISRCTN59757862, and follow-up is continuing.

**Findings** 6088 patients underwent randomisation between March 27, 2008, and Nov 29, 2013. The intended treatment was FOLFOX in 1981 patients and CAPOX in 4107 patients. 3044 patients were assigned to 3 months group and

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The study achieved its primary endpoint of showing that 3 months of oxaliplatin-containing adjuvant chemotherapy is non-inferior to 6 months of the same treatment in the overall trial population. 3 months of treatment might therefore be considered a new standard of care for adjuvant chemotherapy, especially if CAPOX is to be given.

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**Introduction**

Colorectal cancer is the fourth most common cancer worldwide, with 1 160 000 cases occurring annually, and is the fifth most common cause of death from cancer, causing 600 000 deaths.<sup>1</sup> Postoperative adjuvant fluoropyrimidine chemotherapy was first shown to

improve outcomes for patients with stage III colon cancer by Mooney and colleagues.<sup>2</sup> The addition of oxaliplatin to a fluoropyrimidine chemotherapy backbone produced additional benefit,<sup>3,4</sup> and oxaliplatin-containing chemotherapy is a recommended adjuvant treatment for stage III colon cancer.<sup>5</sup>

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The results of the SCOT trial reported by Timothy Overst and colleagues in the Lancet Oncology establish a new standard of care in the adjuvant treatment of stage III colorectal cancer. The investigators showed that non-inferiority of treatment with 3 months of adjuvant chemotherapy versus 6 months of the same treatment in terms of

could not be shown in higher risk T4 or N2 disease. The small difference in 3 year disease-free survival in these patients led the authors to suggest that 3 months of therapy with capecitabine and oxaliplatin could still be considered for all patients with stage III disease. The practice-changing results from SCOT need to be confirmed by a larger analysis of adjuvant chemotherapy in trials, which include and

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non-inferiority events. These results were robust in patients with low-risk stage III (T3 or N1) disease who received 3 months of capecitabine and oxaliplatin. However, the non-inferiority of 3 months of therapy versus 6 months

oxaliplatin as the preferred adjuvant therapy in patients with low-risk stage III disease.<sup>6,7</sup> Similar to SCOT, a small difference favouring 6 months of therapy over 3 months in higher risk patients was also seen in EEA. Like SCOT,

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### Safety data from the phase III Japanese ACHIEVE trial: part of an international, prospective, planned pooled analysis of six phase III trials comparing 3 versus 6 months of oxaliplatin-based adjuvant chemotherapy for stage III colon cancer

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**ABSTRACT**

**Background** The International Duration Evaluation of Adjuvant Chemotherapy project investigated whether a shorter duration of oxaliplatin-based adjuvant chemotherapy was as effective as 6 months of identical chemotherapy for resected stage III colon cancer. As part of this project, we report safety data from the Japanese ACHIEVE study (JFMC47-1202-C3).  
**Patients and methods** ACHIEVE was an open-label, multicentre trial randomising patients with stage III colon cancer to receive 3 or 6 months of mFOLFOX6/CAPOX after surgery. Choice of regimen was declared before randomisation by a site investigator.  
**Results** Between August 2012 and June 2014, 1313 patients were enrolled and, of those, 1277 were analysed for the safety analysis, with 635 in arm 6 (mFOLFOX6; n=158; CAPOX, n=477) and 642 in arm 3 (mFOLFOX6; n=161; CAPOX, n=481). Grade 3 or worse peripheral sensory neuropathy (PSN) developed in 59.0/6.6% of patients receiving mFOLFOX6 in arm 6/3 (p<0.019) and 19.1/1.4% of those receiving CAPOX in arm 6/3 (p<0.001). Similarly, grade 2 or worse PSN developed in 30.4/1.1% of patients receiving mFOLFOX6 in arm 6/3 (p<0.001) and 3.7%/1.4% of those receiving CAPOX in arm 6/3 (p<0.001). An association between baseline creatinine clearance (CCr) and adverse events (AEs) was found that patients with CAPOX were significantly more likely to develop AEs >grade 3 when they had a CCr <50 (OR 1.87, p=0.048).  
**Conclusions** We confirmed in the Japanese population that the shorter duration of adjuvant chemotherapy resulted in a significant reduction of PSN. In patients with CAPOX, renal function was significantly related to severe AEs. Trial registration number: UMIN000030543, Results.

**Key questions**

- What is already known about this subject?**
- Six months of FOLFOX or CAPOX are positioned as the standard adjuvant chemotherapy regimens for treatment of stage III colon cancer.
  - Peripheral sensory neuropathy (PSN) is an important dose-limiting toxicity of oxaliplatin therapy, so shorter duration of adjuvant FOLFOX or CAPOX therapy would be beneficial for patients if efficacy was not reduced.
- What does this study add?**
- We have demonstrated that shorter duration of adjuvant chemotherapy resulted in a significant reduction of PSN.
  - This study was the only investigation in the International Duration Evaluation of Adjuvant Chemotherapy (IDEA) project performed for the Asian population. There was a somewhat lower incidence of PSN related to oxaliplatin therapy in Asian patients, but a level of reduction in PSN frequency was consistent among the IDEA studies.
  - We have demonstrated that in patients with CAPOX, renal function was significantly related to severe adverse events.
- How might this impact on clinical practice?**
- Our data support the importance of careful selection of starting dose of capecitabine in patients with a renal impairment receiving CAPOX therapy.

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**INTRODUCTION**

Colorectal cancer is the third most frequent cancer worldwide and the third highest cause

of cancer-related deaths.<sup>1</sup> Surgical resection is the only curative treatment for colorectal cancer and postoperative adjuvant chemotherapy, including oxaliplatin-based therapy,

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Solo dati di tossicità



# Is this an important question?

- **Almeno 18 articoli tra editoriali, commenti, revisioni, ecc. da marzo 2018 sull'argomento**
- **2 sessioni speciali ESMO**
- **2 sessioni educazionali ASCO**
- **Dibattito in quasi tutti i convegni sul colon**
- **Oxford debate all'AIOM**
- **Linee guida AIOM con valutazione Grade**

# È un quesito importante?

- **Differenza assoluta tra 3 mesi e 6 mesi 0,9% (C.I.: +0,6; -2,4)**
- **ARR 0,9% → 0,009**
- **NNT 1/ARR → 1/0,009 → 111 (1/0.024 → 41)**
- **30 pts ogni 100 avranno neurotossicità senza beneficio**
- **Benefici per il sistema sanitario**
  - ❑ **Minor spese di trattamento**
  - ❑ **Minori spese per gestione effetti collaterali**
  - ❑ **Minori spese di personale e spazi**
- **Rischi**
  - ❑ **Il paziente che non recidiva è guarito → peggioramento della sopravvivenza**



# Adiuvante 3 vs 6

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# Adiuvante 3 vs 6 Impatto su NEUROTOX

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## ***Neurotox G3-4***

- ✓ **Relative Risk > RR=0.18 (0.15-0.22)**
- ✓ **Absolute Risk > 114 fewer per 1.000  
(from 108 fewer to 118 fewer)**



***Impatto in termini di  
RISPARMIO di TOX a favore  
dei 3 mesi vs 6 mesi:  
IMPORTANTE***



## Adiuvante 3 vs 6 Stadio III

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### ***DFS***

- ✓ **Relative effect > HR=1.07 (1.00-1.15)**
- ✓ **Absolute effect > 15 more per 1.000  
(from 0 fewer to 31 more)**

***Non provata non inferiorita' dei 3 mesi vs i 6 mesi  
in termini di DFS***

### **VOTAZIONI**

#### ***Bilancio beneficio/danno***

- ✓ **Incerto: 6**
- ✓ **A favore dei 3 mesi: 4**

#### ***Forza della raccomandazione***

- ✓ **Negativa debole: 8**
- ✓ **Positiva debole: 2**



## Adiuvante 3 vs 6 Stadio III

Qualità dell'evidenza GRADE	Raccomandazione	Forza della raccomandazione clinica
Moderata	Nei pazienti con tumore del colon in stadio III nel loro complesso una chemioterapia adiuvante a base di oxaliplatino delle durata di 3 mesi non dovrebbe essere considerata come opzione di prima intenzione; essa potrebbe comunque essere suscettibile di impiego in casi selezionati sulla base del livello di rischio in relazione allo stadio e dello specifico regime da utilizzare, previa completa condivisione con il paziente (38).	Negativa debole

**CT adiuvante oxa-based di 3 mesi  
NON dovrebbe essere presa in considerazione come prima opzione**







## Adiuvante 3 vs 6 Stadio III pT1-3 pN1

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### **DFS**

- ✓ **Relative effect > HR=1.01 (0.90-1.12)**
- ✓ **Absolute effect > 2 more per 1.000**  
**(from 16 fewer to 19 more)**

***Possibile (ipotesi) non inferiorita' dei 3 mesi vs i 6 mesi in termini di DFS***

***NO impatto sfavorevole dei 3 mesi vs 6 mesi (secondo il Panel)***

### **VOTAZIONI**

***Bilancio beneficio/danno***

- ✓ **A favore dei 3 mesi: 10**

***Forza della raccomandazione***

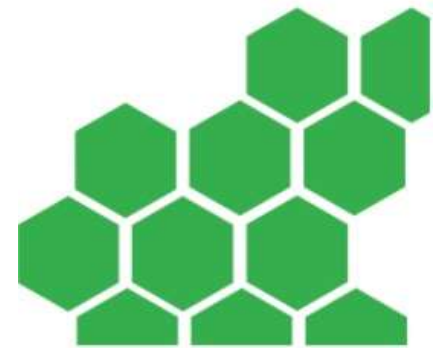
- ✓ **Positiva debole: 10**



## Adiuvante 3 vs 6 Stadio III pT1-3 pN1

Qualità dell'evidenza GRADE	Raccomandazione	Forza della raccomandazione clinica
Moderata	Nei pazienti con tumore del colon pT1-3 pN1 puo' essere presa in considerazione una chemioterapia adiuvante a base di oxaliplatino delle durata di 3 mesi (38).	Positiva debole

**CT adiuvante oxa-based di 3 mesi  
PUO' essere presa in considerazione**





**DFS**

- ✓ **Relative effect > HR=1.12 (1.03-1.23)**
- ✓ **Absolute effect > 33 more per 1.000**  
**(from 8 more to 61 more)**

***Impatto sfavorevole dei 3 mesi vs 6 mesi***  
***(secondo il Panel)***

**VOTAZIONI**

**Bilancio**

**beneficio/danno**

- ✓ **A favore dei 6 mesi: 8**
- ✓ **Probabilmente a**  
**favore dei 6 mesi: 2**

**Forza della**  
**raccomandazione**

- ✓ **Negativa forte: 10**

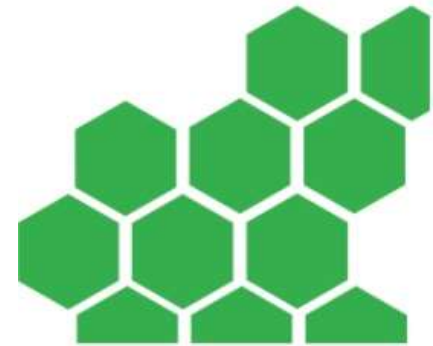


## Adiuvante 3 vs 6 Stadio III pT4 e/o pN2



Qualità dell'evidenza GRADE	Raccomandazione	Forza della raccomandazione clinica
Moderata	Nei pazienti con tumore del colon pT4 e/o pN2 una chemioterapia adiuvante a base di oxaliplatino delle durata di 3 mesi non deve essere presa in considerazione come prima opzione. Il trattamento puo' essere interrotto precocemente o depotenziato in caso di insorgenza di tossicità inaccettabile (38).	<b>Negativa forte</b>

**CT adiuvante oxa-based di 3 mesi  
NON DEVE essere presa in considerazione**



# Cosa non abbiamo potuto mettere

- **Anti Her2**
- **immunoterapia**

# Heracles

## Patients given trastuzumab and lapatinib (n=27)

Complete response	1 (4%, -3 to 11)
Partial response	7 (26%, 9 to 43)
Stable disease $\geq 16$ weeks*	8 (30%, 13 to 47)
Stable disease <16 weeks	4 (15%, 1 to 27)
Objective response	8 (30%, 14 to 50)
Disease control†	16 (59%, 39 to 78)
Duration of response (weeks)	38 (24 to 94+)
Time to response (weeks)	8 (3 to 16)

Data are n (% , 95% CI) or median (range). Response data are best response according to RECIST 1.1. RECIST=Response Criteria Evaluation in Solid Tumors.  
 \*Including one unconfirmed partial response according to RECIST 1.1. †Defined as complete plus partial responses plus stable disease >16 weeks.

**Table 2: Responses to treatment**

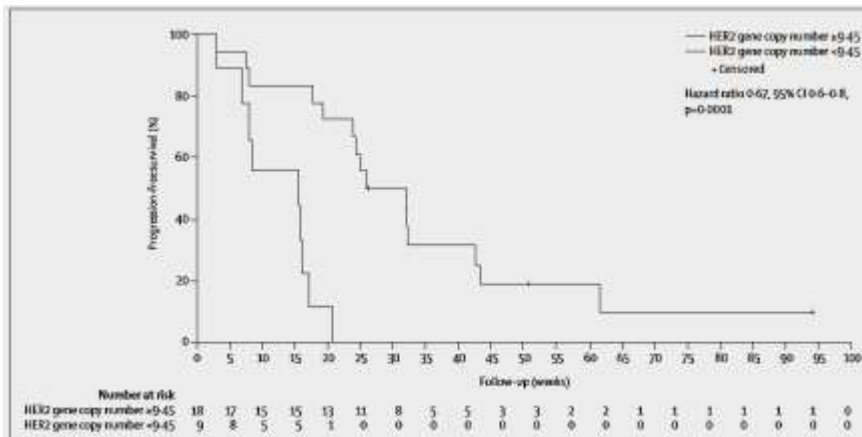
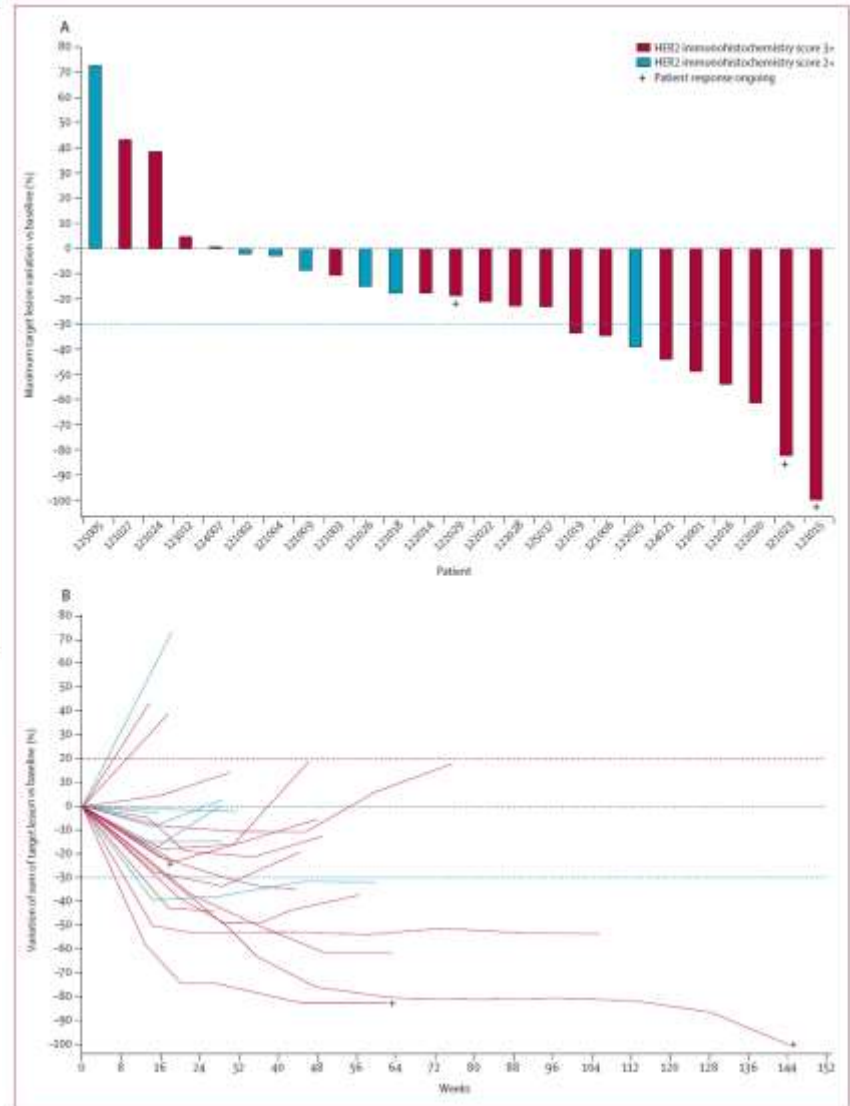


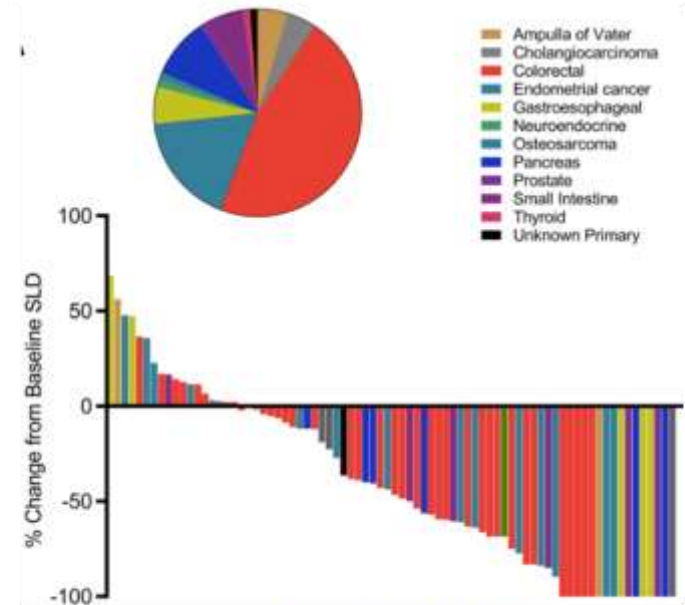
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## Mismatch-repair deficiency predicts response of solid tumors to PD-1 blockade



Le et al, Science 2017

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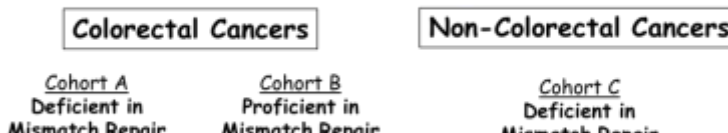
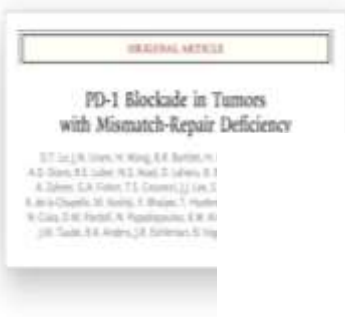
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# Study Summary

	MMR-deficient CRC	MMR-proficient CRC	ival
<b>Type of Response-no (%)</b>	n=28	n=25	5 = not reached)
<b>Objective Response Rate (%)</b>	57%	0%	= 2.3 mos)
<b>Disease Control Rate (%)</b>	89%	16%	10
<b>Progression-free Survival (mos)</b>	Not Reached	2.3	AR-deficient = Not reached)
<b>Overall Survival (mos)</b>	Not Reached	5.98	2-proficient = 5.98 mos)

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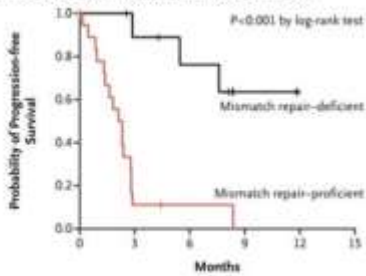


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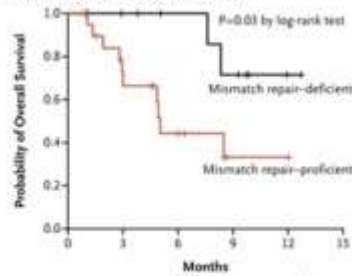
## Microsatellite instability & Pembrolizumab

Type of response	MSI (n=10)	MSS (n=18)
Complete Response	0%	0%
Partial Response	40%	0%
<b>Objective Response Rate</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>0%</b>
Disease Control Rate	90%	11%

A Progression-free Survival in Cohorts with Colorectal Cancer



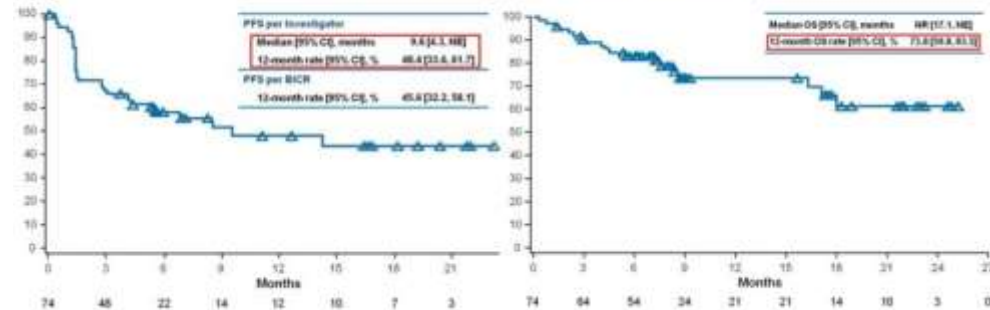
B Overall Survival in Cohorts with Colorectal Cancer



Le et al, N Eng J Med 2015

## Microsatellite instability & Nivolumab

Patients, n (%)	dMMR/MSI-H per Local Laboratory (n = 74)		dMMR/MSI-H per Central Laboratory (n = 83)	
	Investigator	BICR	Investigator	BICR
ORR, n (%)	23 (31.1)	20 (27.0)	19 (25.6)	17 (32.1)
95% CI	20.8, 42.9	17.4, 38.6	23.1, 50.2	19.9, 46.3
Best overall response, n (%)				
CR	0	2 (2.7)	0	1 (1.8)
PR	23 (31.1)	18 (24.3)	19 (25.6)	16 (30.2)
SD	29 (39.2)	28 (37.8)	21 (27.9)	21 (39.8)
PD	18 (24.3)	20 (27.0)	10 (13.3)	12 (22.8)
Unable to determine	4 (5.4)	6 (8.1)	3 (3.9)	3 (5.7)
Disease control for ≥ 12 weeks, n (%) <sup>a</sup>	51 (68.8)	46 (62.2)	39 (50.6)	37 (69.8)



Overman et al, Lancet Oncol '17

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## Withdrawal of the application for a change to the marketing authorisation for Opdivo (nivolumab)

On 13 December 2017, Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharma EEIG officially notified the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) that it wishes to withdraw its application to extend the use of Opdivo to treat colorectal cancer.

### What is Opdivo?

Opdivo is a cancer medicine that contains the active substance nivolumab and is available as a concentrate that is made up into a solution for infusion (drip) into a vein.

Opdivo has been authorised since June 2015. It is already used for melanoma (a skin cancer), non-small cell lung cancer, renal cell carcinoma (kidney cancer), Hodgkin's lymphoma (cancer affecting lymphocytes, a type of white blood cell), squamous cell cancer of the head and neck, and urothelial cancer (cancer of the bladder and urinary tract). Further information on Opdivo's current uses can be found on the Agency's website: [ema.europa.eu/Find\\_medicine/Human\\_medicines/European\\_public\\_assessment\\_reports](http://ema.europa.eu/Find_medicine/Human_medicines/European_public_assessment_reports).

### What was Opdivo expected to be used for?

Opdivo was also expected to be used for the treatment of metastatic colorectal cancer (bowel cancer that has spread to other parts of the body) where the cancer had certain genetic changes (called 'mismatch repair deficient' or 'microsatellite instability high'). It was to be used in adults who had previously been treated with fluoropyrimidines (a type of cancer medicines) together with other cancer medicines.

### How does Opdivo work?

The active substance in Opdivo, nivolumab, is a monoclonal antibody, a protein that has been designed to recognise and attach to PD-1, a receptor (target) on cells of the immune system called T cells. Cancer cells can produce proteins (PD-L1 and PD-L2) that attach to this receptor and switch off the activity of the T cells, preventing them from attacking the cancer. By attaching to the receptor,



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Gentilissima dott.ssa Gori,

In riferimento alla Sua richiesta come da oggetto, Le comunico che la Commissione Consultiva Tecnico-Scientifica (CTS) dell'AIFA, nella seduta del 9, 10 e 11 aprile u.s., ha ritenuto di dare parere non favorevole ritenendo ancora troppo preliminari i dati scientifici a supporto dell'indicazione richiesta.

Cordiali saluti

Il Dirigente  
Sandra Petraglia

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